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Memorandum

TO : IRC - Mr. Richard Gatewood

DATE: October 10, 1960

FROM : SY - Otto F. Otepka

SUBJECT: American Defectors to Soviet Bloc Countries.

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With reference to our telephone conversations neither the FBI nor SY has maintained any appropriate records in order to readily identify the number of Americans who defected to the Soviet Union, to other Soviet Bloc nations or to Communist China within the past eighteen months. I queried the FBI on this and was informed that that Bureau would look to the Department to obtain such information. At best, I have been able to gather only the following names:

[redacted]

I am certain that reports concerning the defections of all of the above persons have appeared in the press. I am having appropriate files checked to identify the source and account of each defection with the exception of and [redacted] with whose cases you are familiar. This information will be furnished to you as soon as it is obtained.

I suggest that you check out the above names with CIA and also seek any other names which may be known to that agency. I would appreciate being informed if you are successful in having any names added to this list.

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